

October 6, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you are having an enjoyable year! Things are very busy here at Greenville High School as we prepare to host the District 5 District Chorus Festival on January 25, 26, and 27, 2012.

The guest conductor for the festival is Dr. Christopher Kiver from Penn State University. Dr. Kiver is internationally known for his work in choral conducting and choral literature. He most recently conducted the PMEA All-State Chorus 2011 at Hershey, PA, and is the current president of Pennsylvania ACDA.

The festival will begin with a brief director's meeting at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 in the GHS Choral Room. Auditions for chairs/Regional Chorus will immediately follow. All directors are required to be part of the audition process. The Greenville High School Choral Boosters will serve pizza in the school cafeteria after auditions. Rehearsal begins Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM and will last until approximately 8:30 PM. Students will then be dismissed to home or to the hotel.

**The concluding concert for the festival will be on Friday evening at 7:00 PM.**

The forms included in this packet are:

1. Director Preference Form
2. School Information Sheet
3. student festival contract
4. student medical form

Please Xerox as needed for your application process. You must include a completed contract and medical form for each student. **Completed forms for all applicants, the Director's Preference Sheet, and the Director's Information Sheet are due to me by Friday, October 21, 2011.** Selection results will be distributed at Honors Chorus or by mail immediately after the festival. All music packets will be mailed from Musik Innovations at the same time. **Please note that the festival fee includes the cost of music for the singers.**

District 5 has strict policies in place regarding timely return of materials to the host director. If your applications and preference sheet are not received by the due date, you will be notified immediately. If your materials are not received by the selection meeting, your students will not be able to participate in the festival. **A faxed Director Preference Sheet without completed applications and medical forms is not acceptable.**

Honors Chorus students in grades 10, 11, and 12 that are chaired 1, 2, 3, or 4 are automatically in District Chorus unless otherwise noted by you. These students count toward your quota. Some schools may receive more than their quota with this system. **Completed forms are necessary for automatics from Honors Chorus audition results.**

Please email me at [ldemarest@greenville.k12.pa.us](mailto:ldemarest@greenville.k12.pa.us) by December 10 for student hotel reservations. Students will be housed at the Hampton Inn and Suites at the Grove City Outlet Mall. Directors are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.

Regarding commemorative items:

- \*Orders with accompanying payment will be taken for T-shirts (see website)
- \*Bryan Helsel will be recording the concert
- \*a photo of the chorus will be taken on Thursday (1/26)

**After this initial mailing, all correspondence will be conducted via email. Please access the Greenville Music Department Website at [www.greenvillemusicdept.com](http://www.greenvillemusicdept.com) for copies of all letters, schedules, and festival forms. Shortly, I will be emailing you for an address check. Please respond immediately if your address is correct.**

Please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions regarding the festival!

Sincerely,

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